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Troubles That You Have Are the Only Kind To Worry About—Those You Have Had and are Going to Have Don't Count

ANOTHER TUNNEL THROUGH HOOSAC MOUNTAIN

Story of Second Bore Again Revived

PLANS MADE TWO YEARS AGO

Electrifying Railroad Through Tunnel Would Remove Pressing Necessity for Additional Facilities

The Christian Science Monitor, the new Christian Science paper, published in Boston, hears again a persistent rumor that the capacity of the Hoosac Tunnel is to be doubled with a second bore which would give the tunnel two more tracks.

The fact that for over two years blue prints of the proposed undertaking have been in existence is evidently unknown to the Boston paper which based its story on the revival of the old rumor in the light of new conditions giving a tinge of probability.

Needless to say the cost of the much to be desired improvement of the tunnel has precluded the Boston & Maine company from doing anything more than look at the plans and talk occasionally of the advantages which would accrue to the railroad and to New England if the money could be secured and the tunnel doubled in size.

With "the wish father to the thought," the whole story is now revived with the evident purpose of removing the present objection against the proposed Buffalo, Rochester and Eastern railroad company that it would not have proper eastern connections and reopening hearings in behalf of that enterprise, says the North Adams Transcript.

With the revival there is also the probability. Ralph D. Gillett, the chief operator of the Buffalo, Rochester and Eastern road is desirous of reopening the hearing before the railroad commission of New York which turned down the application of the railroad for a franchise after many long and exhaustive hearings with Commissioner Osborne dissenting from the decision of the majority of the commission. Something tangible may yet come out of it as the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company, which can borrow money easier than any other corporation in New England, is supposed to be back of Mr. Gillett in his efforts to secure the franchise for the Troy-Buffalo line.

For years it has also been the dream of the Boston & Maine to be able to handle the tunnel trains with electric engines but to do this involved the expense of millions although it is true that on all sides of Hoosac mountain there is abundant water power wasting which would furnish all the power needed for the change to electricity.

The plans for the new bore have always called for a separate bore which would be later connected with the present tunnel. There is not the slightest doubt, however, that if the present tunnel was equipped with electric engines doing away with all the danger of noxious gases in the tunnel, and of the smoke and dirt nuisances, no new bore would be built for many years to come as electrical equipment would allow the capacity of the tunnel to be tripled without a second bore.

At present, however, operation by electricity is much more expensive than operation by steam which has again brought forth the rumor concerning the building of the new bore which would probably be placed on the right side of the present tunnel. The new bore would be of the same length as the present tunnel, 4 1/2 miles, and it would require, it is estimated, about four years to build it.

STEWART DIED IN DEBT

Former Senator Who Made Fortunes Left Nothing for His Widow

Washington, May 7.—It was learned today by the filing of ex-Senator William M. Stewart's will for probate that debts amounting to \$25,000 incumbered his estate, and that with the exception of a few shares of Chevy Chase stock and a few hundred shares of Nevada mining stock which are said to be practically worthless, the widow will receive virtually nothing. Mr. Stewart made and lost several fortunes.

The former statesman named his wife as sole beneficiary in the document. It has been learned since that he had no real estate, and that his personal property did not reach a value of \$1,000. According to H. M. Foote of this city, who has been named as counsel for the estate, Mrs. Stewart by law will receive the horse and carriage and about \$300 worth of books, or the equivalent in money.

"After this has been paid," said Mr. Foote, "there will be practically nothing for the creditors of the estate. He owed about \$25,000. Of this amount \$6,000 or \$8,000 was loaned to him by Washington people shortly before he went to the hospital on his final illness. The remainder of this amount is owing to various Nevada banking institutions."

BOYLE CONVICTED OF KIDNAPING WHILTA BOY

Case Was on Trial But a Few Hours

BILLIE WAS STAR WITNESS

Said Man Who Enticed Him from Home Had "Whiskers on the Bottom of his Face."

Mercer, Pa., May 7.—James Boyle, charged with kidnaping "Billy" Whilta, was convicted yesterday after a trial lasting but a few hours. No defense was made and the jury was out but a few minutes.

The first witness against the kidnaper was the Whilta boy.

"What becomes of people who don't tell the truth?" was the lawyer's first question.

"They go to hell," gravely responded the boy.

Billy told his story well. He said that in March he was taken from school by a man.

"Do you see the man now?" he was asked.

"Yes," said Billy, "there he is now" pointing to the respondent.

"He wore some whiskers on the bottom of his face that day," continued the young witness. He then described fully the trip to Cleveland, where Boyle "took the whiskers off the bottom of his face."

Mrs. Boyle indicted under the name of Mary Doe with half a dozen aliases, was immediately placed upon trial, charged with aiding and abetting the kidnaping. Hardly had the jury been sworn in the woman's case when the lawyers became engaged in a legal argument regarding the admission of certain testimony and the case was adjourned till this morning.

The first witness called by the state against Mrs. Boyle was Miss Ella Boyle, a sister of James Boyle. Apparently the prosecution wanted to prove by her that the kidnaping conspiracy was formed while Mrs. Boyle was visiting in Sharon with her husband and that she was implicated in it. It is surmised to be the object to overcome her contention that she could not have violated a law in this state while she was living in Ohio.

From the earnestness with which the defense opposed the questions asked it is believed a great deal will depend upon the court's decision as to the admissibility of the testimony in dispute. It is believed this will be but the beginning of a long and bitter legal wrangle and it is predicted that the woman's trial will not be completed before Saturday afternoon.

Why Boyle's trial came to such an abrupt ending after the state had rested was due to the fact that a strong case had been made against him. From the night before the abduction when he was seen in Sharon till the time of his arrest in Cleveland, almost every movement he made was testified to by one or more witnesses.

The testimony of the Whilta boy was the capstone of the state's case. Sentence has not yet been pronounced but the penalty is from one year to life imprisonment.

"A KNIGHT FOR A DAY"

Pleased a Large Audience at Opera House Thursday Night

"The most delightful comic opera seen here in several months" is the universal opinion of those who witnessed the presentation of B. C. Whitney's big success, "A Knight for a Day" at the opera house Thursday evening. The musical numbers were all that could be desired and the electrical effects and scenery were superb. The see-saw scene, as a finale of the second act, was an exceptionally pretty stage picture and brought forth great applause.

The chorus was large and well trained and contained several "beauties." The stars of the piece were Frank Deshon as Jonathan Joy, a self alleged lawyer, and his soul mate, Tillie Day, a servant lady. As comedians they rank high in their profession. They kept the house in a roar of laughter from their appearance to the fall of the curtain on the last act.

The house was filled almost to capacity, large out of town parties coming from as far as Dorset to witness the play.

AMERICAN HOUSES IN MESSINA

Belknap Turns Over 400 and 2,300 will Be Finished Soon

Messina, May 7.—Lieut. Commander R. R. Belknap of the American Naval Attaché at Rome has turned over to the prefect of Messina a total of 400 American wooden houses to be used in caring for the sufferers from the earthquake of last December. The attaché expects that 2,300 houses will be completed by June 7.

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HEARING HELD ON NEW YORK STATE PENSION BILL

Clashes With Measure for Canal Improvements

BONE ISSUE OF \$2,000,000

Judge Griffith Says That There are 24,457 State Veterans Dying at Rate of 4000 a Year

Albany, May 7.—Veterans from various sections of the state attended the hearing before Governor Hughes yesterday on the Allen measure known as the state pension bill. It provides that all New York state soldiers, sailors and marines, honorably discharged from the United States army shall receive \$6 per month pension. The state constitution prescribes that two propositions involving bond issues cannot be submitted to the people at any general election at one time. The pension bill relating to improvements to the canal between Cayuga and Seneca lakes is also in the hands of the governor and calls for an issue of bonds of \$6,000,000. Either the Allen bill or the Conger act will necessarily have to be vetoed. The pension bill empowers the state comptroller to float a bond issue of \$2,000,000. The hearing was scheduled for 2 o'clock in the executive chamber. Members of G. A. R. organizations from Troy and surrounding towns and cities attended.

Representatives from Post Willard, Bolton, Tibbitts, Griswold and McCone of Troy and Posts Jones-Kane of Watervliet, Lyon of Cohoes, Sheridan of Waterford and Walter A. Wood of Hoosick Falls were present at the hearing.

The hearing brought about a clash between representatives of the veterans and persons who appeared in favor of a bond issue of \$6,000,000 for the improvement of canals. Former Judge Lewis E. Griffith who spoke in favor of the pension bill claimed that those who were appearing in favor of the canal bills were responsible to a degree for the only cloud in the administration of a former governor, referred to the so-called "S9,000,000 canal scandal" during Governor Black's administration. "Tails is the same old regiment," said Judge Griffith, but they have not new clothes. When they saw the cloud coming they ran." Besides Judge Griffith the other speakers for the bill were Colonel William H. Daniels of Ogdensburg, department commander of the state's G. A. R. and Senior Vice Commander William H. Boyd. It was pointed out that there are only 24,457 veterans who would be benefited by the bill and that they are dying at the rate of 4000 a year.

MAY DECIDE TO COME

Col. Bennett Young "Considering" Re-nounced Invitation.

Louisville, Ky., May 7.—Kentucky and Vermont are swapping telegraph messages just about now over Col. Bennett Henderson Young, Col. Young who is commander of the Kentucky division, United Confederate Veterans, and who did as much as he could in 1864 to make Kentucky unpopular in Vermont by sacking the city of St. Albans and the memory of this ranking among members of Roberts Post, G. A. R. of Rutland has caused the present relations.

The Rutland post objected recently because Col. Young had been especially invited by Gov. Prouty and the citizens committee on the celebration of the tercentenary of Lake Champlain's discovery to take part in the ceremonies in July. In resolutions adopted they called the colonel a "guerrilla." The colonel at once withdrew his acceptance of the invitation of Gov. Prouty and the citizens committee, but they renewed it, declaring that the war was over.

At present the Kentuckian is "considering."

TO PROTECT AMERICANS

American Warships Leave Approaching Asiatic Turkey

Gibraltar, May 7.—The cruiser, North Carolina sailed today from Alexandria. The Montana is still coaling and will follow this afternoon. The ships go to protect American interests in the disturbed districts in Asiatic Turkey.

BASEBALL SATURDAY

B. H. S. Will Play Game With Lansingburgh at Morgan Park

The Bennington high school team which has already defeated the Burr and Burton and Williamstown high school teams will meet the Lansingburgh high school team at Morgan's Park tomorrow afternoon. The game will be called at 3:45.

WEATHER FORECAST

Probabilities for This Section for the Next 24 Hours.

For eastern New York and western Vermont showers this afternoon and tonight with cooler in south portion Saturday fair.

EVELYN THAW MAY HAVE TO GO TO JAIL

Order for Her Arrest in Hands Of Sheriff

WON'T PAY MILLINER'S BILL

Judgment of \$250 Standing Against Her and She is Charged With Contempt of Court

New York, May 7.—Shortly after the Court of Appeals denied the application yesterday made by counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw for a stay of the city court proceedings for the enforcement of a fine of \$250 imposed upon her recently by Justice McAvoy for contempt of court because of her failure on two occasions to appear and be examined in supplemental proceedings under a judgment for \$253 obtained against her by Elsie Hartwig, a milliner, counsel for the plaintiff, became very active.

In the early afternoon Joseph H. Buhler, counsel for Mrs. Hartwig had the order made out for the arrest and commitment of Mrs. Thaw and it was signed by Justice McAvoy of the city court. The order provided that she be taken into custody and locked in the county jail until she shall have paid the fine of \$250 or until discharged according to law.

Mr. Buhler then hurried to the sheriff's office at 299 Broadway for the approval of the document by counsel for the sheriff, to get the services of a deputy, then proceed to 31 West Thirty-third street, where Mrs. Thaw is living and endeavor to carry out the order of the court. Mr. Buhler however, ran against a technicality and was informed that owing to a recent decision a somewhat different order of arrest and commitment would have to be executed.

Back to his office went Mr. Buhler and shortly before 4 o'clock the new order was made out. A few minutes later it was signed by Justice McAvoy. The minutes were fast passing, and it was a hurried trip that the lawyer made from the city court to the sheriff's office but he found the law department of that branch of the city government was closed—it was a few minutes after 4 o'clock.

The result was that nothing further could be done last night, but Mr. Buhler said he would be at the sheriff's office promptly at 9 o'clock this morning to obtain the approval of the sheriff's counsel, have a deputy assigned and proceed to Mrs. Thaw's apartment. The obtaining of the order of arrest was kept quiet.

It was rumored last night that Mrs. Thaw was in Philadelphia. It was also said that she was a member of an automobile party on Wednesday night and that she is still in the city.

SANDY MILLER DEAD

Well Known Colored Man Passed Away Thursday Night

Sandy Miller, a well known colored man who has been a resident of Bennington for many years, died Thursday night at the county jail presumably from the effects of a cerebral abscess.

He had been ill for some time and an effort had been made by the authorities to secure his release so that he could have better treatment than was possible in the crowded condition of the jail but the man's mental condition was such that no one could be found to assume the responsibility of his care.

The deceased is survived by a brother, C. H. Miller, who resides in Bennington. There were also three other brothers in the family, Manuel, Archer and Branch, but their present abodes or knowledge of their existence is not known.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from the home of C. H. Miller at 2 o'clock, Rev. Philip Schuyler officiating and the burial will be in the family lot at North Bennington.

HERD IN FINE SHAPE

Only One of George M. Goodwin's Cows Responded to Test

The dairy herd of George M. Goodwin, consisting of 30 cows was recently subjected to the tuberculin test for tuberculosis. Only one of the cows responded to the test and the autopsy showed that the liver was affected.

Mr. Goodwin is naturally pleased to learn that his herd is in such good condition.

RECEPTION TO NEW PASTOR

Men of Methodist Church Will Extend Greetings to Rev. Mr. Brunk

The men of the Methodist church have decided on a reception of a unique character for their pastor next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Invitations are being sent out to as many of the men of the town as can be seated around the banquet table at one time in the church parlors.

They are to have some able speakers from out of town and music by the Monument quartette and the orchestra.

MRS ELLEN THAYER BARELY MISSED BEING KILLED

Thrown Down Bank by Locomotive at North Adams

WHEELS CAUGHT HER SKIRT

Had Quart Bottle of Liquor With Her When Picked Up and Taken to Police Station

North Adams, May 7.—Several occupants of tenements on West Main street were horrified Wednesday afternoon at what appeared to them an inevitable tragedy. From their rear windows they saw a woman walking the railroad track below them, apparently somewhat intoxicated and obliviously to the screeching of an approaching train. They shouted but with no effect, and shut their eyes just as it seemed that the front of the engine was about to strike her. But by a fortunate move she turned slightly away from the track at this moment and the front of the engine, catching her dress, twisted it about her body and flung her down the bank uninjured.

The police were notified and Captain Frank Jones went over with a carriage and brought the woman to the station. She gave the name of Ellen Thayer of Bennington and in her possession was a quart bottle of some kind of liquor which she claimed in court yesterday morning was not intoxicating. She had been arrested here Monday and allowed to go after the court session of Tuesday. She said in court that she did not want to go home until she was completely sober, and for this reason did not return to Bennington at once.

She pleaded not guilty to the charge and said that she was not intoxicated but the testimony of the officers proved to the contrary. She was found guilty and the case continued for sentence until this morning. Meanwhile the police will communicate with the Bennington police regarding the matter.

TESTING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

State Laboratory at Burlington is Rushed With the Wash

Burlington, May 7.—In compliance with the new law that requires all alcoholic beverages sold in the state to comply with United States standard, which means that the goods must conform with the labels and be at least four years of age, many wholesale liquor dealers who have sold goods in Vermont will have to wait some time before their goods can be placed on sale.

The state laboratory force is working on the samples as fast as possible but the large number submitted means that some dealers will have to wait before the proper analysis can be made. The dealers who have sold their liquors in the state heretofore must also submit to the analysis to conform with the new law.

RAID AT MIDDLEBURY

Proprietor O'Connell of Sargent House Held for Trial

Middlebury, May 7.—Policeman Marshall T. Butterfield, James McGlinchey and Fay C. Warren Tuesday night made a descent upon the Sargent house with four different warrants to serve, in which it was claimed that Landlord O'Connell was selling liquor contrary to law. The hotel and out buildings were searched very thoroughly and some supposedly contraband goods were discovered and seized. The temporary hearing was held before Justice A. W. Dickson with Grand Juror Charles I. Burton prosecuting and the hearing was continued until two o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, May 11. Mr. O'Connell was put under \$300 bonds, \$300 on each of three of the charges, and the bail was forthwith furnished.

ZELAYA STILL PLOTTING

Nicaraguan Troops Threaten Salvador Honduras and Costa Rica

Panama, May 7.—The situation in Central America appears to be getting more complicated every day, judging from the reports that reach Panama. Nicaragua in spite of the vigilance of the American warships, is still endeavoring to invade Salvador by way of Honduras. Furthermore, Gen. Zelaya has numerous troops on the Chiriqui coast and the frontiers of Costa Rica and Honduras.

AGED DOCTOR DEAD

Dr. H. A. Crandall of Burlington Was in 76th Year—Prominent Man

Burlington, May 7.—Dr. H. A. Crandall, the oldest practicing physician here, died yesterday in his 76th year of paralysis, the funeral will be held Saturday. He was born in Hartford and as graduated from the Castleton Medical college. He began practicing in 1861 and came here in 1865. He was health officer for seven years and was a prominent Odd Fellow.

\$1,118,545 WENT UP IN SMOKE IN 1908

Insurance Commissioners' Report for Past Year

RICHFORD HAD BIGGEST FIRE

Town of Bennington Suffered Loss of 14,888 and County Contributed \$33,905

Montpelier, May 6.—The report of Edward H. Deavitt and Guy W. Bailey, state insurance commissioners, shows that during the year 1908 there were 1337 fires in Vermont entailing a loss of \$1,118,545. The number of fires in each county and the damage thereof is as follows:

County	No	Loss
Addison	55	\$32,272
Bennington	74	33,905
Caledonia	101	79,583
Chittenden	200	174,448
Essex	33	21,773
Franklin	161	221,004
Grand Isle	14	9,097
Lamoille	32	17,131
Orange	77	39,463
Orleans	103	78,576
Rutland	167	135,543
Washington	132	59,944
Windham	119	136,559
Windsor	108	83,567
Total	1,377	\$1,118,545

The losses during the month of October were the largest of an month during the year, amounting to \$316,663 from 105 fires, but in point of numbers April was the record month with 168.

"Among some of the towns of the state suffering considerable damage by fires were the following: Bennington, \$14,888; Danville, \$24,689; Hardwick, \$21,244; St. Johnsbury, \$16,747; Burlington, \$24,236; Richmond, \$133,177; Enosburgh, \$37,916; Fairfield, \$16,125; Georgia, \$17,101; Richford, \$189,892; St. Albans, \$94,454; West Fairlee, \$19,775; Glover, \$27,105; Troy, \$23,501; Castleton, \$23,506; Poultney, \$40,206; Rutland, \$39,188; Rockingham, \$22,324; Westminster, \$32,679; Wilmington, \$56,856; Springfield, \$32,061.

The state fire insurance companies in 1908 wrote risks of \$33,282,149 as against \$27,999,326 in 1907. The premiums received amounted to \$520,570 during 1908 and \$495,286 in 1907. The losses paid in 1908 were \$429,770 and in 1907 to \$347,456. The losses incurred amounted to \$444,377 in 1908 and to \$371,863 in 1907. The above refers simply to Vermont companies. The aggregate written by all fire companies in 1908 was \$86,869,274 against \$77,797,537 the year before.

The life insurance business shows an increase in amount of money represented and a decrease in the number of policies issued. In 1907 14,831 policies were issued amounting to \$5,343,155 and in 1908 11,367 policies were issued amounting to \$6,065,077. There were 76,375 policies in force in 1908 as against 74,118 in 1907. The amount of money represented in the policies in 1908 was \$60,786,645.

The fidelity and casualty companies state companies show an increase in premiums received. In 1908 the aggregate was \$44,639 and in 1907 \$33,844. The American Fidelity company of this city shows the largest amount of business of any state company.

STATE LOSES TIMBER LAND

Title to Valuable Tract in Adirondacks Declared Invalid

Albany, May 7.—By a decision of the court of appeals, sustaining the judgment of the appellate division, given on the report of a referee, the state loses title to one of the most valuable tracts of forest land in the Adirondacks. Title is given to the Saranac Land & Timber company the principal promoter of which is reputed to be Smith M. Weed of Plattsburg.

The land is on lower Saranac lake, and on this property the state has been paying taxes since 1865 and the title, which it obtained through tax sales, was considered good.

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